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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/17 of 3 November 1993 and 49/7 of 25 October 1994 concerning the situation in Burundi,

Considering that the political crisis with which Burundi has been beset since October 1993 has had negative effects on its economy as evidenced, in particular, by the destruction of many social and economic infrastructures, the sluggish pace of production activities and the sharp decline in public revenue,

Recalling that prior to the crisis, Burundi was distinguished by the efficiency of its macroeconomic management,

Noting that the economic team of Burundi has been making efforts to alleviate the adverse impact of the recent political turmoil on the economy and has thus helped to avert the collapse of the State,

Convinced that the country has the capacity to achieve appreciable economic performance under its Structural Adjustment Programme,

Convinced that the recent formation of a coalition Government holds out the promise of rapid economic recovery and effective reconstruction,

Taking into account, however, that in view of the inadequacy of the economic and financial resources of Burundi, the assistance of the international community is needed to implement the plans and programmes set for the new coalition Government,

1. Expresses gratitude to all the States, United Nations institutions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for the emergency humanitarian assistance that they have been delivering to Burundi since the onset of the crisis;

2. Invites all the States, United Nations institutions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide Burundi with economic, financial, material and technical assistance for economic recovery and for the reconstruction of the various infrastructures damaged or destroyed during the crisis;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to coordinate the activities being implemented by the United Nations system to meet the needs of the Burundi people adequately and mobilize the assistance of the international community;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Decides to inscribe on the agenda of its fiftieth session an item entitled "Special assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of Burundi".